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1. U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF  
NEW YORK HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT MAY 21 STATEMENT  
WAS BASED ON STATEMENTS MADE BY JAMES WILKINS TO THAT  
OFFICE. WHILE WILKINS REPRESENTED THE CONTENTS OF THE  
STATEMENT AS BEING TRUE; THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
CANNOT ATTEST TO THE VERACITY OF STATEMENTS WHICH WILKINS  
MADE CONCERNING MATTERS OF WHICH THEY ARE NOT IMMEDIATELY  
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KNOWLEDGABLE. THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FURTHER INFORMED

THE DEPARTMENT THAT WILKINS VOLUNTEERED ALL THE INFORMATION IN THE MAY 21 STATEMENT, AND THAT HE WAS NOT COERCED OR PRESSURED TO SIGN THE STATEMENT, BUT RATHER, THAT HE SIGNED IT OF HIS OWN FREE WILL. REFERENCE TO DISCUSSION OF ASSASSINATION OR KIDNAPPING WAS NOT OMITTED FROM THE MAY 21 STATEMENT. EMBASSY WILL NOTE THAT WILKINS ASSERTS ON PAGE 10 OF THE STATEMENT THAT HE

LIED TO COSTA RICAN AUTHORITIES BY STATING THAT THIS TOPIC HAD BEEN DISCUSSED.

2. WITH REGARD TO QUESTION POSED PARAGRAPH SEVEN OF REFTEL (B) U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAS NOT RECEIVED WILKINS' ALLEGED REPORT. F.Y.I. WILKINS TOLD THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE THAT WHILE IN COSTA RICA HE COMPLIED WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE VESCO PEOPLE TO WRITE EITHER ONE OR TWO LETTERS TO BOB ANDREA (CODE NAME FOR U.S. MARSHAL BOGAN). WILKINS' UNDERSTOOD THAT THESE LETTERS WERE NOT TO BE MAILED BUT WERE TO BE USED BY THE VESCO PEOPLE FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES. KISSINGER

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